(iv) Chief Medical Officer In-charge of Kali Bari Marg CGHS dispensary also complained about the short supply of local purchase medicine causing harassment to the beneficiaries.

(v) Shri Ram Swarup Singh Rana, a CGHS beneficiary from Gole Market CGHS dispensary, complained about the non-supply of life saving medicines (anti-rabies) in the morning and asking him to collect injections after 3 PM and non-opening the shop in the morning.

(vi) M/s Kavita Medicos had been warned to improve his performance. The performance of the aforesaid local chemist has not improved and as such, further action as per terms and conditions of the tender is under examination.

(vii) However, in view of the above stated position, no action against the staff of the said CGHS dispensary is found necessary.

Token strike by AIIMS Doctors

4302. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether emergency services of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) were closed on 11-4-2000 in view of the resident doctors, token strike;

(b) if so, the main demands of the doctors;

(c) the remedial steps taken so far in this regard; and

(d) whether Government would ensure that no inconvenience is caused to hundreds of patients and such a strike could be avoided, in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Emergency services of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences were closed on 11-4-2000 because of Mass Casual Leave by resident doctors to press for their demands.

(b) to (d) Government have considered the various demands of resident doctors and orders regarding decategorisation of Sr. Residents from Group 'C' category, allowing leave encashment and enhancement of grant for writing thesis

have already been issued. The matter regarding grant of House Rent Allowance is pending before the High Court at Delhi and is, therefore, sub-judice.

Failure of PFA Department

4303. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the outbreak of dropsy in Delhi in the recent past was due to negligence on the part of the PFA department;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to make suitable amendments in the PFA Act, 1954 and to curtail the powers of State Governments who fail on this front; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what other steps would be taken by the Union Government to check the role of the PFA departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) According to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi it is not correct that the out break of dropsy in Delhi in the recent past was due to negligence on the part of the PFA department.

(b) There is no proposal with the Central Government to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 to curtail the powers of the State Governments.

(c) As the enforcement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act is vested with the State Governments they are being advised from time to time to take effective steps to ensure strict enforcement of the Act.

CGHS Facilities for MPs in States

4304. SHRI N.R. DASARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the provision made to provide treatment and medicines for Members of Parliament in their respective States who are usually attached to CGHS dispensaries/hospitals in the National Capital.

(b) whether any good hospitals are attached to CGHS for this purpose in important cities; and